

# The Observer

THINGS INTERESTING TO THE DEAF

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## N. A. D. MATTERS

It is now one and a half years since collections for the moving picture fund were practically closed, and since that time a portion of the money has been used for its avowed purpose—securing a film of Dr. Gallaudet, but the balance has been held up pending a dispute.

Now, really, has the real object of the fund been lost sight of, or have more ambitious projects for its expenditure since been formed?

It seems to us a more general discussion in this direction would be in order, and especially so from those directly concerned in its collection—the state treasurers.

The original purpose of the movement was clearly set forth in the blanks used for its collection—that the N. A. D. was collecting a fund to secure moving pictures of noted educators of the deaf, and after this was accomplished the balance would be turned over to the endowment fund.

Is anything more clear than that the N. A. D. is the sole owner of the fund?

No definite announcement of how much was needed for films was ever made, but it was the aim to make the fund as large as possible, and we believe the final result was larger than its promoters had any conception of at the beginning.

As one of the state treasurers, the writer worked all along with the idea and hope that a substantial sum would be turned over to the N. A. D., although at that time he had never attended a N. A. D. convention or took any very active part in its affairs.

Now that the fund has reached to about \$5,000, it seems to us that an expenditure of two or three thousand for films will be ample for the purpose, and that the balance should be turned into the endowment fund of the N. A. D., where it will do more good than in any other way.

A discussion by Mr. Regensburg, the state treasurers, and others concerned, would be interesting.

A. W. WRIGHT.

### ONE MAN WHO IS WORKING.

If President Hanson could secure a few more men who would do as effective work as J. C. Howard, the cause of the deaf would advance. We think Mr. Hanson can find places for those who want to work, to do real hard work.

R.

### GET TOGETHER IN THE N. A. D.

In the Silent Worker, F. P. Gibson advocates the getting together at some central point of all who have "plans" for the reorganization of the N. A. D., and have them thresh out the various ideas and agree on some one plan to support together. This is a very good suggestion in theory, but we fear it would not work in practice. In the first place, the exponents of "plans" would never agree, excepting to disagree. And in the second, there is the question of time and expense. So the next best thing to a getting together is to discuss the various plans in the papers, as President Hanson advocates doing.

To send delegates to any place of meeting, as well as to do any other work, dollars are required by the N. A. D., and to get dollars it must have more members. Therefore, ye who read this, join the N. A. D. Do it today!

### WHY NOT PRINT THE N. A. D. REPORT?

Why not print the N. A. D. report at once leaving out all the papers which were read before the convention and confining the report to the business proceedings alone.

We believe all of these papers have already been printed in the deaf press. By omitting these, the report and its cost can be reduced one-half or more, and we think there is enough money in the treasury to do it at once.

Let the Executive Committee take up this matter at once, and hustle it to completion. —R.

### A CHANGE IN CALIFORNIA.

Douglas Keith has resigned as principal of the California Institution for the Deaf and Blind and William A. Caldwell has been appointed Acting Principal.

This is the outgrowth of the investigation the school conducted last year. The investigation board, among other things, said:

"The qualifications of the principal teacher are prescribed in section 2267 of the political code as follows: The principal teacher must have not less than three years' experience in the art of teaching the deaf, dumb and blind. At the time Mr. Keith was selected as principal teacher he did not possess the qualifications prescribed by the code."

### TO SUPPRESS IMPOSTORS.

Mr. J. O. Reichle of Portland, member of the N. A. D. Executive Committee, has made a motion that the sum of \$25.00 be appropriated out of the treasury to be used by Mr. Howard in suppressing impostors. The motion is now before the Executive Committee.

### N. A. D. TREASURY IMPROVING.

The report of treasurer Freeman on \$384.82 in the General Fund and \$212.87 in the Endowment Fund, a total of \$597.69. This is aside from the Moving Picture Fund, for which over \$5,000.00 has been raised.

The number of paid up members on Jan. 1st, was 224.

### FLOCKING HERE FROM ILLINOIS.

From Mr. Garrison we hear that two other imposters have appeared in Everett since the one he reported last. One, a young man of about 25, called at the home of Carl Oliver and asked for money. He had a typewritten sheet in which he claimed that he was deaf. The second imposter turned up in Mr. Garrison's own home while he was away. He was apparently 20 or 21 years of age, was about 5 feet 6 inches tall, light, curly yellow hair, and wore a well worn suit of gray clothes, no overcoat. He claimed that he lost speech and hearing from brain fever. Mr. Garrison's sister tried to detain him, but he seemed in a hurry and left, promising to return. Mr. Garrison tried to find him but failed, and gave his description to the sheriff, who promised to keep a sharp lookout for him. The first imposter was allowed to go by Mrs. Oliver out of pity, and has not again been found. Mr. Garrison convinced her that such fellows deserve no sympathy.

### HE WOULD FAIR BE WISE.

Editor the Observer,

Could you kindly inform me if it was true that "Oscar" resolved on Jan. 1st to use some of the energy that he has been expending on "Hot Air" for the good of the N. A. D.?

If "George William" resolved to bury the hatchet of personal dislike and work with "Olof"?

If "Douglas" has decided to drop his European trip?

If "Jay" has driven all the "imposters out of the east"?

Thanking you in advance for the information, I am,

N. CARL GARRISON.

## THOUGHTS OF THE NEW YEAR.

Let us walk softly, friend;  
 For strange paths lie before us all untrod;  
 The new year (spotless from the hand of God),  
 Is thine and mine, O friend!  
 Let us walk straightly, friend;  
 Forget the crooked paths behind us now;  
 Press on with steadier purpose on our brow,  
 To better deeds, O friend!  
 Let us walk gladly, friend;  
 Perchance some greater good than we have known  
 Is waiting for us, or some fair hope flown  
 Shall yet return, O friend!  
 Let us walk humbly, friend;  
 Slight not the heartease blooming round our feet;  
 The laurel blossoms are not half so sweet.  
 Let love walk with us, friend.

—Lillian Gray.

## SIMPLIFIED FORM OF THIRD PERSON SINGULAR.

**Miss Ella Flagg Young Proposes a Compact Word for His or Her or He or She.**

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Miss Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of Chicago's schools, announced today to her principals a new form of third person, singular number, personal pronoun, which she hopes may be introduced in general use. The pronoun is intended to indicate both genders at once, so that it will be unnecessary to say "his" or "her" or "he" or "she." The three words are to be compacted in one as follows:

"He'r" means "he or "she."

"His'er" means "his or her."

"Him'er" means "him or her."

Some examples of the "simplified spelling" as given by Miss Young in her address to the superintendents follow:

"A principal should so conduct his'er school that all pupils are engaged in something that is profitable to him'er and where the pupil is required to use knowledge in accomplishing his'er task.

"I don't see how one can may out the work for the fifth or sixth grade when he're has always done the work in the grades above or below."—P.I.

## BEATITUDES OF SUCCESS.

Blessed is the man that is not afraid of hard work; for he shall some day be able to take it easy.

Blessed is the man that has push; for he shall some day be in a position to pull others.

Blessed is the man that does not grumble; for success comes as the result of application to work and study, not as the fruit of knocking.

Blessed is the man that grasps the opportunity for self-improvement; for success comes to him that is prepared.

Blessed is the man that keeps everlastingly at it; for he shall attain that to which he aspires.

Blessed is the man that does not know when he is defeated; for victory shall be his.—Ambition.

We have a boy in school named Silk, and a girl named Cotton. We have all colors of the Rainbow represented in the membership of the institution, for there is John Brown and Hettie Black, Walter Green and Roma White, and Osa Hazel and Pansy Haze.—The Lone Star.

## SPOKANE RESOLUTIONS.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 6, 1912.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted at the meeting of the Spokane Association of the Deaf:

Whereas, Almighty God in His wise providence has taken from this world the soul of our beloved and estimated sister, Miss Laura Meaders, whose cheerful ways and helpful presence we shall always miss; Therefor be it

Resolved, That we earnestly tender our heartfelt sympathy to her bereaved family in the hour of their great sorrow;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Association and a copy sent to the Observer and the Washingtonian for publication.

John Frisby, President.

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**GOOD ENGLISH ESSENTIAL.**

In the January number of the Inland Printer, Ivan M. Robinson, instructor of printing in the Florida school for the deaf, has an article on deaf printers.

Mr. Robinson is of the opinion that a good command of English is not necessary in order to be a good printer. We think it depends on what department of printing a man works in. A pressman or stoneman may be an expert workingman without being able to master the mother tongue, but in the case of a typesetter or linotype operator a correct command of English is very necessary. Something more than merely following copy is expected of the compositor. Copy is often sent in with request to edit it. This often falls to the lot of the typesetter. Then again copy frequently comes in written decidedly wrong or in bad grammar, and likes as not its the poor type who is expected to set it right. In poor writing a man with good English will come out nearer right every time.

After twenty years' experience as a typesetter we would not advise a deaf man to try to fit himself for job compositor or linotype operator unless he can use English correctly. He might get work in certain offices with the favor of the foreman, but in the rush and bustle of business competition of first class offices he would stand small chance.

We can see no reason, however, why a man with limited command of English might not make an excellent pressman or stoneman.

Elsewhere in this issue there appears from the daily press a clipping which states that Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of the Chicago public schools, is attempting to introduce a new form of personal pronoun in the third person, singular number. The pronoun is intended to indicate both genders at once and is expressed as follows:

"He'r" means "he or she."

"His'er" means "his or her."

"Him'er" means "him or her."

Mrs. Young is a great woman, and we are proud of her, but we do not believe she is going to make her new pronoun adopted, any more than Roosevelt has made his new spelling adopted generally. The English language is a living thing undergoing growth and development, but it does so gradually and imperceptibly, and not by two or three people promulgating forms which they consider improvements. As long as we feel that our grammar is fairly correct we shall speak and spell as we please, and when anybody tells us that we ought to use certain forms, we shall pay no attention to that person if we are not so inclined. And we suspect the majority of people will feel the same way. They will prefer to abide by the forms they learned at school, for habit is a difficult thing to unlearn. Personally we think that to use the masculine form alone to express both genders is better than Mrs. Young's idea.

The reports of weather conditions over the country generally the last two or three weeks have made us shudder. While the middle west has in places had 40° below with blizzards and heavy snowfalls, it touched 60° above in Seattle, and the coldest day that we had was 24° above. This lasted but a few hours, when the temperature again rose to normal which is about 40° above. Sure, we propose to stay here and keep away from extremes in climate.

**NOT THE ONLY ONE.**

The Silent Churchman in a recent issue speaks of the Episcopal Mission for Deaf at Los Angeles and says it is the only one on the Pacific Coast. That is an error. Olof Hanson, as lay reader, conducted service in Seattle for the deaf for a year and it is still continued as a Bible class under the care of Mrs. Hanson and is well attended.

—R.

Help the other fellow. No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else.—Dickens.

Time is money. Welcome is that visitor who appreciates the value of another's time.

**McCONNELL LANDS ANOTHER.**

When the imposters strike Bremerton they are very likely to run up against C. K. McConnell and the law.

A fellow with a sad tale of having lost his hearing by typhoid fever struck that city last week. Mr. McConnell soon became aware of his presence and had an officer after him. On being arrested the fellow told a story of coming from Seattle, Portland, belonging in Denver, etc. As possible evidence of his being an imposter was not available the judge gave him a fine and a constable put him in a boat and sent him to Port Orchard, a neighboring town. A telephone message was then sent to the constable in that town and on the imposters arrival he was told to move on. The judge says the next one will go to jail.

Bremerton is the seat of the United States Navy yard, and the sailors are quite generous, but Mr. McConnell intends to see their money does not go to deaf imposters.

R.

**PRESENTED WITH GOLD HAND-CUFF KEYS.**

The other evening Mr. Root betook himself to the Hanson house in response to a request for his presence there on important business. Shortly after his arrival several of the deaf came in, and then several more, until the living-room was full. All of the visitors shook hands with Mr. Root, and it finally dawned on him that the gathering was in honor of his birthday. The company played Peter Coddles till all had arrived, when Olof Hanson made a neat little speech and in behalf of the company presented Mr. Root with a large package. There was one not quite so large within, then another and another. When he had undone them all he found himself the possessor of a pair of beautiful gold cuff buttons engraved with an Old English "R." He was much pleased and his speech of thanks was full of feeling. Games and conversation then obtained, refreshments were served, and good-byes were said. Mr. Root is very popular and highly esteemed in Seattle. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mr. Root, Mr. and Mrs. Waugh, Mr. and Mrs. Haire, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Gustin and Charlotte, M. O. Smith, True Partridge, Grace Ziegler, and sister, Mabel Burnett, Myrtle Hammond, Roy Harris, Mrs. Wildfang, Mrs. Swangren, Ethel Carr, Rudy Stuht, Carrie Blakeley, Mr. and Mrs. Klawitter, L. O. Christensen, and the Hanson girls.

A. H.

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**LOCAL ITEMS.**

Church service next Sunday at 3 p. m.

George Axt has already secured work in a cap factory on Third Ave.

The office devil says he thinks the editor can make pie, but he is sure s—he can make pi.

Charley Gilmore drove in from Sunnysdale the other day and called at The Observer office.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Klawitter have been visiting in La Conner Sedro-Woolley and Burlington.

L. O. Christenson and mother are entertaining a cousin, Mrs. M. N. De Mars of Kamloops, B.C.

Cards have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Morton Henry, of Chicago, announcing the birth of a daughter on January 3rd. Mrs. Henry was formerly Bertha Thiessen of this city. The Observer extends congratulations.

S. D. Eaton of Tacoma was in town one day last week. He took a run out to see Mr. and Mrs. Gustin. On the way back his hat took a sail out on Lake Union and as the conductor couldn't see the necessity of hiring a boat to get it, Mr. Eaton had something to explain when he again reached Tacoma.

**A LEAP YEAR PRIZE.**

At a party the other night were four young single ladies—Miss Ethel Carr, Grace Ziegler, Myrtle Hammond and Mabel Burnett. Messrs. Root & Christenson have offered a prize to the first of these young ladies to improve leap year.

**P. S. A. D. MEETING.**

The Puget Sound Association of the Deaf, met in Carpenter's Hall, Saturday evening, January, 13.

The names of Mr. and Mrs. Axt, and Mr. and Mrs. Haire, were presented for membership.

Mr. Hanson told the Association how an imposter was arrested and fined through the efforts of Mr. McConnell.

Mr. Hanson explained the Moving Picture business.

President Gustin announced an interesting program for January 27.

For the social on January 27, there will be a debate on the subject: "Resolved, That it is Right to Recall Judges." True Partridge will uphold the affirmative side, and Olof Hanson the negative. A. W. Wright will deliver a lecture, and Mrs. Swangren will render a declamation. All members should be present to witness this interesting program.

Agatha Hanson, Sec'y.

**REMEMBER**

That all contributions should reach us by Monday night before the date of publication. Sooner if convenient.

**A RAMBLE OR RUMBLE.**

Oppressed with office work we started out the other day to get the news.

Stopping in at the office of Olof Hanson we found him scratching his head and trying to decide where the N. A. D. was at.

Next we stopped at the J. P. Fuller Publishing House where the good natural smile of P. L. Axling told us he was satisfied.

Turning down to the meat packing house, L. T. Rhiley waved a hello and said he and his good wife were well and happy—and working for Gill.

A drop into the Patterson Wholesale Dental Parlors revealed True Partridge weighing gold medal. A trusty weapon lay at his side and a look in his eye said that caution or departure were in order. We choose the latter—not by the lead route, however.

Wheeling around we went to the Imperial Candy Factory where wreathed in smiles we found Ethel Carr dipping chocolate drops.

At the Palace Laundry Mrs. Haire and Miss Burnett said they were too busy to give us any news and farther down at the Pacific Laundry, Miss Ziegler said she would tell us some other time.

Running up to the Western Specialty Company office, Ernest Swangren told us of the new linotype, cylinder press, publications, etc., etc. his company had secured.

Then we stuck our head in the door of the Root & Christenson office, and found both partners busy. They only looked up long enough to be sure it was not a customer with a 10,000 job and went on with their work. We noticed on the wall a motto reading, "We are accommodating, but by thunder there's a limit," so we concluded departure was the wisest thing.

A run down to the dock warehouse secured the information that Frank Morrisey was busy at his old job and his family all well.

Turning about we met Roy Harris and Ed. Langdon tracing tracks in the snow, as we thought it good exercise for these stalwarts we did not interfere with their enjoyment.

Going up Pike street Max Gebhardt rushed out to inform us he nearly fell off Pike street into his yard 15 feet below. He was rubbing himself with satisfaction over his escape.

Our benzine buggy now sped through the aristocratic Capitol Hill district where Mrs. A. K. Waugh saluted us with the information she was doing finely, that Lydia was at school and Mr. Waugh at home fixing his fishing tackle and cutting the dog's toe nails.

A call on Miss Myrtle Hammond found that young lady doing some

artistic painting, which will take the prize at several expositions this year.

We now put on some speed and soon were in the classic shades of the University region. Here we found Mrs. Olof Hanson preparing an oyster supper for her young ladies. A dimple in her southwest cheek told us she was satisfied with herself and everybody else. We thought it the part of wisdom to leave her that way.

A little farther on and to the right brought us to the home of A. W. Wright. Kermit met us at the door with a gun and our hands promptly went up, but as a broad grin spread over the youngster's face we took courage and entered to find Al skinning rabbits, and his good wife preparing the pot for a stew.

Coming down Fourteenth Avenue we drew up in front of the Students Shoe Shop, where M. O. Smith and Mr. Haire were pegging away for dear life in an effort to keep up. We suspect these fellows sometimes lock the door to keep customers out.

A stop at the house of President Gustin brought some reminiscences of the past. He is our longest deaf resident and has seen a tremendous change in the city.

At Ballard Mrs. Wildfang greeted us in her usual jolly way and in the kindness of her heart offered us a cup of coffee and doughnuts which we gladly accepted.

Coming down-town again we saw Harry Hortop standing on the corner gazing up at the Bon Marche block, doing some figuring. Possibly Harry aspires to own this place some day.

In a call on Miss Blakely and Miss Peterson at a manufacturing plant on South Avenue we failed to get their wedding dates, but they promised us their cards as soon as they were ready.

Turning toward the garage we met Mrs. West and son who informed us it was cold.

—R.

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### SPOKANE.

A boy baby was born in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Charles, on Nov. 19th, 1911. Mrs. Charles and the baby are doing well. Miss Laura Meadows of Harrison, Idaho, died of consumption on Friday, Dec. 29th. She was buried in that town on Dec. 31st.

Harry Low has returned from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where he worked. He thinks he will stay here.

Frank Garrison had been working in the Inland Portland Cement Mill at Medaline Falls, Wash., but was laid off. He returned to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to live with his parents.

Most of the deaf mutes here are idle. This city is always overrun with men out of work and steady jobs is something almost impossible to find.

Mrs. Susie Smith is sick again with some fever she had two years ago. We hope that she will recover speedily.

The Barney folks built a new house on north Madison last fall. They are living comfortably in their new home.

Miss E. Ford spent the holidays with her mother in Waverly, Wash. She returned here where she is employed in a large cracker and candy factory.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fulmer are still living in Mead, Wash. Coyne also lives there.

A farewell party was given in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Crities in honor of their daughter Virvin, last Friday evening, Jan. 12. She will go to Vancouver, Wn., to attend the State Deaf school. Various games were played and a little lunch was served. About twenty mutes attended the party. Mr. and Mrs. Crities and family moved here from Texas last fall.

Two leading mute men will establish a new club which is called "Acme." Acme Club will give a masquerade basket social and dance in McVay Hall four doors west of Howard street on the south side of Front Avenue on Saturday evening February 24th, 1912. Admission will be charged to gentlemen only, ladies free with their baskets. If they can't bring baskets they may buy baskets in the hall. Coffee served free. Prizes will be given away for the best, comic and poor costumes each to lady and gentleman. Remember the above date. Everybody in Inland Empire and other cities will be welcome who are interested in the new club fund and State Home for the aged, and infirm deaf. Visitors who come here can stop at the good hotels of Chicago and this city. Tom.

### TACOMA.

Another of our deaf residents is said to have lost his hat in Seattle. No complaints are forthcoming though as long as the boys don't lose their heads thereto, to say nothing of their hearts.

Mrs. Hutson, who has been ill in one of the local hospitals for some weeks is reported to be settling her affairs in Tacoma preparatory to making a lengthy visit in the east, and from thence to Italy indefinitely for her health.

And now it transpires that John Skoglund did not go to California as previously reported. We could almost wish all the hats here could be lost in Seattle, or elsewhere. And why? Well, we don't dare offer a prize for the solution of that conundrum.

Wm. Rowland and his father of Spanaway have vanquished upwards of 10,000 "varmits" and will undoubtedly win the prize offered by the county for such work.

Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Hammond and Miss Patterson rendered "Nearer My God to Thee" in signs, at one of our churches last Sunday evening. Dressed in white, they made an exquisite picture and received tremendous applause from the audience.

It turns out that the funniest thing that Hammond saw in California was a moving picture show. But he says he never saw a place as beautiful as California, and someday, perhaps, he will make his home in the midst of an orange grove.

Mr. Rowan says we do him an injustice in advertising him as the red-headed bandit, when as everyone knows here, he is kept busy keeping the peace among his deaf brothers. So henceforth we shall dub him the red-headed peace-maker.

### ALL ABOUT "DAVID."

David and Goliah now reside in Venice-by-the-Sea, California, in the persons of Master David Regensburg, aged one year, and his proud papa, Oscar H., who tips the beam at near 300, we believe.—Kansas Star.

Oh, "Bobs", how could you? Don't you know it's a girl?—The Frat.

Well, you caught us there. But we pass the blame along to the Observer. Unthinkingly, we absorbed our information at that fount of knowledge.—Kansas Star.

### SOUTH DAKOTA.

By Edward P. Olson.

Wednesday, December 20, at the bride's home in Kokomo, Ind., occurred the marriage of Peter C. L. Dalgaard of Beresford, S. D., to Miss Carrie Mabel Johnson.

This marriage of a popular Lincoln County young man to an Indiana young

lady is the culmination of a meeting at the National Convention of the Deaf at Colorado Springs, Colo., two years ago. Mr. Dalgaard is a steady young man with an ambition to get on in the world, and he will surely make his mark. He comes of excellent parentage, and the writer can assure the young lady of his choice that she made no mistake in accepting him as a life partner. And there is no doubt that the young man has gained a wife who is worthy in every way.

After two months' honeymoon they will return to Beresford, preparatory to going on a farm about seven miles south of Worthing, S. D.

The writer is pleased to join in extending them congratulations and wishes for unlimited happiness in their journey through life together.

In Minneapolis, on October 10, occurred the marriage of Edwin Jones of Alberta, Canada, but formerly of Canova, S. D., to Miss Minnie Anderson of Irene, S. D., the ceremony being performed by Rev. Salvner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones left for Canada, to live on a farm. Congratulations.

Well, well, since we come to think, it's going to be leap year. Now girls!! Girls!!! Girls!!!

Sunday afternoon and evening, Dec. 10, services for the Deaf were held in the Episcopal Church in Sioux Falls, conducted by Rev. Koehler of Kansas City, Mo., who comes every month. The mutes of the city enjoyed a rare treat when an inspiring sermon was preached. Baptism and Confirmation were had in the evening, one was baptized and six confirmed. A large number of students and teachers of the S. D. school turned out and saw the baptism and confirmation.

At the close, Miss Frances McKinley, principal of the S. D. school, interpreted for the silent people when Bishop Johnson delivered a touching talk to the hearing people.

In relation to Jay C. Howard's original movement to arrest "fake" deaf-mutes, and the assistance for the Deaf in every state, the writer approves the movement and wishes to push a good thing along.

Grant Daniels, from Groton, S. D., works in the Morrell packing plant, making boxes. A. J. Authier, from Woonsocket, S. D., worked at different jobs till Dec. 15, when he went to Pipestone, Minn., to visit his parents who moved from the city two years ago. He expects to return here early in the spring.

Miss Jessie Bearsley, of Madison, S. D., a Gallaudet College graduate, is now a teacher at the Florida school.

The silent population at Sioux Falls has grown since last spring. The cause is that Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson moved in from La Crosse, and

enjoy the conditions here. Mr. Johnson is doing the carpenter work for Sioux Falls Construction Company and gets good wages. Miss Gerkey, from Grand Forks, N. D., is doing the housework for her lady friend and family who moved from the city.

Recently F. E. Worswick of Sioux Falls, received an interesting letter from Griffiths of Pierce City, Mo., formerly Boys' Supervisor and engineer of the S. D. school. Mr. G. reports getting along first rate. His fruit crop was successful last fall.

Miss Anna Northrup, who spent months last summer with Mrs. Ed. S. Hanson of Armour, S. D., dropped in Sioux Falls, last Oct., for two weeks' visit with Mrs. Lee Johnson. Then she returned to Minneapolis.

The mutes of Sioux Falls are talking of starting a "Home" club. A committee will be chosen when the party for preparing entertainment meets.

Grant Daniels, from Groton, S. D., works in the Morrell packing plant making boxes.

#### MONTANA BRIEFS.

Miss Anna Wood of St. Helena has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Brown at Boulder, the early part of this winter.

It is reported Mr. and Mrs. Kemp of Boulder contemplate a visit to Flathead Valley for the purpose of looking up a homestead. That's good. Who next?

Miss Edith M. Harlan has Jimmed from the Boulder into the Big Hole Valley, visiting with her sister on a cattle ranch for which that valley is famous, and she reports it 18 degrees below the freezing point, while Ye Scribe was out with coat off, romping with his young colt. Surely Montana is a strange climatic state by the formations of the mountains. The Christ-was-tide beats 'em all for Ye Scribe, who was deluged with greetings from far-off Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, Idaho, Washington and last, but not the least, the growing state of Montana. Through the medium of The Observer I wish to think all my dear good friends.

Charles D. Russell's mother contemplates the purchase of a five-acre apple orchard for \$1,000 per acre at Wenatchee, Wash. Hallo! there Easterners; hurry West; plant a few fruit trees and be independent.

It is well that the author withdrew the resolutions to affiliate the grand old Pas-a-Pas Club with the All Angels' Mission. With the influence, Prestige, and independence, the club is better off to stay to the end, where it has always been. Twenty-five of my best years were given to uphold the Pas-a-Pas, because I believed and do now believe, that such a club is the best for the welfare of all the

deaf in larger cities, and I know whereof I speak to say the club has done more good for the deaf at large than all the churches combined can ever expect to do. So far away, I am still in spirit for the maintenance of the Pas-a-Pas, and here, Craig, I congratulate you. You are the right little fellow at the helm. Sail forth! The club has had many hard knocks and bumps, and should weather a thousand more.

C. C. C.

#### PORTERVILLE, CALIF.

Mr. L. Benedict of Sioux City, Ia., is here staying with his old neighbor and schoolmate, James E. McVoy, for health, and is also looking over the country with a view to locate. Probably he will stay here all winter. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Palmer, Mrs. A. Cummings and Mr. C. E. Cunningham were also schoolmates of Mr. Benedict in Iowa.

Mr. Geo. Elder of Marshalltown, Ia., gave Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Palmer a big surprise last Sunday morning. He is an old schoolmate of their and also of the other Iowa mutes here. Now he is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Palmer.

Mrs. A. Cummings, who has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Palmer for several weeks, is now looking for some employment.

Cogswell Club is opposed to real mutes begging, and also to imposters. But mute peddlers do not come under the ban.

Mrs. M. Farlan, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dougan took Thanksgiving dinner with the Palms. Mrs. Harlan resides in Fresno, and is a lady with great charm and personality.

Cogswell Club had a business meeting at Price's Hall November 25, in the evening. The following emblems were voted upon and passed: Proverb—"To be deaf is trouble enough."

Peace Sign—"A White Pipe."

Club Object—"Intellectual, Moral, Social, and business advancement."

It was decided to meet every month at Price's Hall, and all mutes who conduct themselves properly and are in good standing are eligible to join Cogswell club.

A number of the deaf enjoyed Thanksgiving Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Palmer. Dinner was served at 6 p. m. and much enjoyed. The parlor was decorated with Cogswell Club emblems. A small sum was collected for the club fund.

Immediately after dinner a special meeting of the club was held. Mr. Dugan's offer to make a blackboard for the use of the club was accepted. The following officers were then elected for a term of six months: President, Mrs. A. Cummings; Vice-President, Edward Dugan of Tulare; Secretary, L. A. Palmer; Sergeant-at-arms, Arnold Ballard; Custodian, Mrs.

L. A. Palmer; Adjutant of Tulare and Visalia, Mrs. Dugan, and adjutant of Fresno, Mrs. M. Harlan.

Leader L. A. Palmer thanked the club for its support during the last eight months. President Cummings was then escorted to her place, and addressed the club. She was greatly applauded.

James E. McEvoy was elected auctioneer for a Box Supper to be given at the home of Arnold Balloid on the evening of Dec. 9 in honor of Gallaudet Day, Dec. 10th.

The business meeting was followed by a social evening during which various games amused the crowd until 2 a. m., when a midnight lunch was served.

L. A. PALMER.

#### IMPOSTER INVADES

#### PORTERVILLE, CAL.

In the Recorder, published at Porterville, Cal., December 29, L. A. Palmer has quite a lengthy article discussing the imposter question. The article is too long to reproduce in The Observer. The facts in it are good information for the public, and we hope it was widely read in Porterville. Two days later an imposter put in his appearance in the town, and evidently met with a cool reception, though we do not know how he was disposed of. The following account of him is taken from The Porterville Messenger of December 1; the language of his letter clearly proves he is not a deaf mute:

#### "Mute Begging Here Again."

In spite of the statement from the members of the Cogswell Club that it is never necessary for a real mute to go begging, a mute—so he says—appeared in this city today and started peddling from store to store a tiny little vial of some sort of cement, the contents of the bottle being worth about a half a cent, and for the same he was charging the "customer" the sum of 25 cents.

At The Messenger office he was told that the Cogswell Club members are conducting a campaign against mute beggars and that we were sorry we could not deal with him.

Thereupon he wrote us the following letter—the letter in itself being a pretty good indication that he isn't what he claims to be:

"I care naught for the opinions of others, if in California. It is a well known fact that anybody making a living by selling goods of his own make is in disrepute in this state. One must sell goods of Trust make, then he is honored and respected, but if he makes and sells his own goods, then he is a vagabond and a non persona gratis. Thank you for your open admission. You do not deny it as others have to me."